



## A+ in Customer Service Frazier Park Public Utility District

On Tuesday morning, December 10, one of these very cold days last week, I heard a swishing noise coming from my neighbor's house in Frazier Park. Knowing that my neighbors, as it is customary for many folks on the hill, spent that morning in Beverly Hills, I went over to investigate. And, as it has happened during these days numerous times, a major valve had broken and water was rushing out of the broken valve next to their freshly renovated house.



To avoid further damage and contain the flow of water leak I called the Frazier Park Public Utility District (FPPUD). The answering service was friendly and professional and promised to send somebody.

Within probably less than five minutes, in a time that probably the fire department can barely beat, the FPPUD truck showed up. Two friendly staff members, *Shaun England* and *Dujeau Eggleston*, looked at the broken valve, and shut off the water within a minute or so. Damage to the property was very limited since so far no water had seeped into the inside of the home. Before the FPPUD team left, they made sure everything was safe, and even offered to call the home owner. This emergency service is provided free of charge.

I was and I am always impressed by the always quick response and dedicated work of the entire FPPUD staff. I have seen FPPUD staff, including team leader *Jonnie Allison* and *William Wheeler* on multiple occasions, in the middle of the night, in rain, in mud and during long working hours. These men, as well as the women *Alice Garcia* and *Jennifer Hastings* manning the office, are a shining example of what customer and public service should be. They make sure that the water distribution system in Frazier Park is working well at all times, that every household is provided with clean water, that leaks are fixed immediately, and that repairs are done in a timely manner. In addition they all live in or near Frazier Park.

The dedication and excellence of performance of the entire team deserves to be noted. I have seen them always being kind and professional to their customers, and even provide refreshments and tasty snacks at their public board meetings (as does the Lebec County Water District). These public employees are clearly devoted to duty, service and community. This is something we as a community should not take granted, but we should be thankful for. All life depends on water, and a community depends on an organized and well maintained water distribution system.

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## **GBU Mountain News – Clarification**

*Due to some tales that float throughout the community, allow me to clarify:*

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### School Statistics US

In fall of 2013 about 50 million students are attending approximately 99,000 public elementary and secondary schools.

In 2007, about 1.5 million children, or 2.9% of all children were homeschooled, up 74% from the year 1999.

According to a 2009 survey by the National Association of School Nurses, 5% of students have a seizure disorder, 5% have ADHD, and 10% have mental or emotional problems. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), a federal, requires states to ensure that all government-run schools provide services to meet the individual needs of students with special needs, as defined by the law. All students with special needs are entitled to a free and appropriate public education.

In 2007 about 5 million students attended 33,740 private elementary and secondary schools. Private schools in the US include parochial schools (affiliated with religious denominations), non-profit independent schools, and for-profit schools.



## News from our El Tejon Unified School District

The August 22, 2013 School Board meeting can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zgfk4tRnn64>  
The September 12, 2013 School Board meeting can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCs10WICv7Q>  
The September 26, 2013 School Board meeting can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErTw1mBqsT4>  
The October 9, 2013 School Board meeting can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOilyTv9jDc>  
The October 23, 2013 School Board meeting can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFZ2nYv7s3I>

Photos from the 2013 FMHS Homecoming can be seen on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.635176606505317.1073741838.109453262410990&type=3>



The 2014 Leadership Team at El Tejon Unified School District from left to right: *Vickie Mullen* (2014 Board President), *Scott Robinson*, *Anita Anderson*, *John Fleming*, *Rodney Wallace* (incoming Superintendent), *Lark Shillig*, *Heather Henderson* (Student Representative)

### We have a new Superintendent – Rodney Wallace

On Thursday (Dec 12) the El Tejon School District Board of Trustees elected a new Superintendent - *Rodney Wallace*.

*Rodney Wallace*' last position was Superintendent of the Shandon Joint Unified School District in San Luis Obispo since 2009. The district is located about 20 miles west of Paso Robles and composed of Shandon Elementary School, Shandon High School and Parkfield Elementary School (located right on top of the San

Andreas Fault just 120 miles northwest of Frazier Park). The total enrollment is about 300 students.

Prior to that assignment he spent three years in South Korea as the founding principal of an International Christian School just south of the capital city Seoul.

*Rodney Wallace* is a native of Wasco in Kern County. He has two sons with his wife *Sheri*; one is a sophomore in college, the other one a junior in high school. He is expected to start on January 1, 2014 and will get paid \$116,000 annually.



*Rodney Wallace* – the incoming Superintendent is watching, listening, and learning at the Dec. 12 School Board Meeting

## **We have a new School Board of Trustees President – Vickie Mullen**

At Thursday's (Dec 12) meeting the School Board held its annual election for the positions of President, Clerk, and Representative of the Board. *Vickie Mullen* was chosen as President, *John Fleming* as Clerk, and *Scott Robinson* as Trustee Representative for 2014.



After a successful year *Scott Robinson* hands over the gavel to the 2014 School Board President *Vickie Mullen*



## **Frazier Mountain High School (FMHS)**

### **Sports**



## **Frazier Park School**

### **Frazier Park's Finest for Dec 12, 2013**

Info & photo provided by *Michelle Penner*



Back Row, L to R: *Mark Silva*, *Daniel Suzuki*, *Nathan Vogelsang*, *Ariana Rios*  
Front Row, L to R: *Sophia Watson*, *Mason Birds*

**Reindeer Run**

On Friday morning (Dec 13) the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) for the Frazier Park School organized its annual Reindeer Run. The run serves as a fundraiser for the services provided by the PTSO to the elementary school. About 150 children participated in two runs, one for Kindergarteners and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, the other one for Grade 2 to 4. The idea is to sponsor a certain amount (from 10 cents to \$1) for each lapse of a sponsored child or to make a flat donation from \$5 to \$20. All in all the PTSO under the leadership of *Stace Gonzales-Watson* and *Robert Flores* raised about \$700. The children had to run an outdoor course along the beautiful school playground of around 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile. On average Kindersgartners and Grade 2 to 4 accomplish about 15 lapses in 30 minutes. On child was reported running the course 27 times. Some of the Kindergarteners and 1<sup>st</sup> grades were accompanied by their parents, while Robert Flores did a tremendous job encouraging the K 2-4 runners.



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### **All Things Local**

#### **Frazier Park Grocery Market will change Ownership**

GBU Mountain News has learned that the ownership of the Frazier Park Grocery Market will change on January 1, 2014. A group of local merchants will take over the operation.

#### **Arnie's Auto Repair & Tire Shop in Lebec has closed**

Arnie's Auto Repair & Tire Shop in Lebec has closed its doors for good.

#### **Laundromat reduced Operating Hours**

The Laundromat in Frazier Park has changed its opening times. Instead of being open 24 hours the store is now opened from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week. It may very well be that this reduction of hours is related to a most recent burglary attempt vandalism at the Laundromat.

Crime can affect the entire community. You see something suspicious, call the Sheriff's department, you hear something, inform the local Sheriff. Don't protect the people that hurt all of us!

#### **Southern California Utilities Call for Energy Conservation as Winter Cold Puts Heavy Load on Natural Gas Supply**

by Southern California Edison (SCE), and Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9, 2013 – Continuing record cold weather across the United States is placing a heavy strain on short-term natural gas supplies and California utility companies — Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) — are asking customers to conserve energy, particularly natural gas.

While there currently is not an imminent threat of disruption of natural gas service to residential and small commercial customers, the utilities are urging all

customers to take precautionary conservation measures throughout this week. Conserving electricity is also urged because many local power plants are fueled by natural gas and less electricity used lessens demand on the gas supply.

In addition to a statewide message, the utilities may be issuing targeted customer notifications to address localized impact to their respective customers. The following steps can help ensure natural gas supplies are sufficient to meet demand created by the severe winter.

- Lower your thermostat by three to five degrees (health permitting).
- Limit use of non-essential electric and gas appliances, fireplaces and spas.
- Reduce your water heating usage: use less hot water, turn down the water heater thermostat or insulate your water heater.
- Use LED holiday lights, which last longer and use about 70% less energy than incandescent light strings both indoors and outside. Install a timer and set your holiday lights to automatically turn on and off at specific times.

Customers are reminded to follow these important safety tips when heating their homes to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Symptoms of CO poisoning can include unexplained nausea, headaches, drowsiness, mental confusion and flu-like symptoms.

- Never use your oven, range or outdoor grill to heat your home because these appliances are not designed for this purpose and can emit dangerous carbon monoxide.
- Install a CO detector or change the batteries in your CO detectors. Symptoms of CO poisoning can include unexplained nausea, headaches, drowsiness, mental confusion and flu-like symptoms. If you suspect that you or a loved one is suffering from CO poisoning, call 911 immediately.

For additional conservation tips and information, customers are encouraged to visit the web sites of their respective utility service provider: [www.ladwp.com](http://www.ladwp.com); [www.sdge.com](http://www.sdge.com); [www.sce.com](http://www.sce.com) or [www.socalgas.com](http://www.socalgas.com)

About Southern California Gas Co: Southern California Gas Co. has been delivering clean, safe and reliable natural gas to its customers for more than 140 years. It is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, providing service to 20.9 million consumers connected through nearly 5.8 million meters in more than 500 communities. The company's service territory encompasses approximately 20,000 square miles throughout central and Southern California, from Visalia

to the Mexican border. Southern California Gas Co. is a regulated subsidiary of Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE).



## **Fire Restrictions Lowered on Los Padres National Forest**

By *Andrew Madsen*, Los Padres National Forest  
GOLETA, Calif., December 11, 2013 — Recent rainfall across Los Padres National Forest has led to rising fuel moisture levels, prompting officials to reduce fire restrictions on the forest effective immediately.

Under the reduced fire restrictions, campfires and charcoal barbecues will be allowed in all areas of Los Padres National Forest. A California Campfire Permit, available free of charge on the Forest Internet site, is required to build a campfire outside of a designated Campfire Use Site. A list of Campfire Use Sites and information about how to acquire a campfire permit is available at all Los Padres National Forest offices.

Visitors who construct wood or charcoal fires outside of designated Campfire Use Sites also must clear all flammable material for a minimum of ten feet in all directions; have a shovel available for preparing and extinguishing the fire; have a responsible person in attendance at all times; and extinguish the fire with water, using the “drown, stir and feel” method.

Prohibitions on smoking and target shooting in Los Padres National Forest are also being lifted.

“As we move into the rainy season and reduce fire restrictions, it's important to remember that fire can happen at any time of the year,” said Los Padres National Forest Supervisor Peggy Hernandez. “I strongly encourage all visitors to exercise caution while they are enjoying the forest.”

The following fire restrictions will remain in effect:

- Spark arresters are required on all off-highway vehicles, chainsaws, and other internal combustion engines and equipment;
- A permit is required for all welding, grinding, cutting, or use of explosives;
- Tracer ammunition is prohibited at all times;
- Fireworks are prohibited in Los Padres National Forest at all times and in all places.

Visitors are encouraged to call the local Ranger Station for more information on conditions and restrictions.

Santa Barbara Ranger District – (805) 967-3481

Ojai Ranger District – (805) 646-4348

Mt. Pinos Ranger District – (661) 245-3731

Santa Lucia Ranger District – (805) 925-9538

Monterey Ranger District – (831) 385-5434

## **Los Padres Forest Seeks Public Comments on Proposed Recreation Fee Changes**

By *Andrew Madsen*, Los Padres National Forest

GOLETA, Calif., December 6, 2013 – Los Padres National Forest officials are seeking public comments on proposed changes to the Ballinger, Mt. Pinos, Figueroa Mountain, Goldhill, Santa Ynez, Pozo/La Panza, and Rose Valley standard amenity recreation fee (SAF) areas. The forest is proposing to substantially reduce the size of the Santa Ynez area, eliminate the remaining six SAF areas, and establish special recreation permit (SRP) fees in two locations. These proposed changes would result in more than 40,000 acres becoming available to the public free of charge.

In June 2011, the U.S. Forest Service conducted a national review of the 97 SAF areas on National Forest System lands. As a result of the review, the Forest Service plans to eliminate the SAF area designation for 73 recreation areas and reduce the size for the remaining 24 nationally. The proposed changes for the seven Los Padres National Forest SAF areas are consistent with the results of the national review. Consistent with direction on implementation of the national fee area review, the Los Padres National Forest has not been issuing notices of required fees or enforcing recreation fees outside of the sites and reduced areas listed below.

Comments on the proposed changes must be submitted by Jan. 6, 2014, to be considered by a citizen's advisory committee, known as the California Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (R-RAC). Comments may be submitted to the attention of Tamara Wilton, Pacific Southwest Region, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA, 94592, or [twilton@fs.fed.us](mailto:twilton@fs.fed.us).

The public is welcome to attend and comment at all R-RAC meetings. The next R-RAC meeting is planned for Jan. 15-16, 2014. More information about the R-RAC and upcoming meeting can be found at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/r5/recreation/racs>.

The Adventure Pass and the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass would be accepted as payment for recreation fees at the following sites and areas:

Santa Ynez SAF Area, White Rock Day Use Area, Aliso Trailhead, Lower Oso Day Use Area, Red Rock Day Use Area, Live Oak Day Use Area, Piedra Blanca Trailhead, Cumbre Day Use Area, First Crossing Day Use Area, Upper Oso Trailhead, Falls Day Use Area, Sandstone Day Use Area, Red Rock Trailhead, Pino Alto Picnic Area, Figueroa Lookout Day Use Area, Rose Valley Campground, Middle Lion Campground, Kings Campground/OHV Staging Area, Goldhill Camping Area, Ballinger Campground/OHV Staging Area, Davy Brown Campground, Nira Campground (including Upper Manzanita Trailhead), Figueroa Campground, Pozo/La Panza (Off Highway Vehicle SRP), and Mt. Pinos (Winter Recreation SRP).

These recreation sites and areas are free:

Upper Rose Valley Lake Day Use Area, Lower Rose Valley Day Use Area, Howard Creek Trailhead, Catway Day Use Area, Davy Brown Trailhead, La Jolla/Ballard Trailhead, McKinley Trailhead, Lower Manzanita Trailhead, Munch Canyon Trailhead, Pino Alto Interpretive Trail, Sunset Valley Trailhead, White Rock Trailhead, and Willow Springs Trailhead.

Recreation fee revenue is used for operation, maintenance and future enhancements of recreation sites.

More information about recreation fees and the Los Padres National Forest Recreation Fee Program can be found in the Forest's Annual Fee Program Accomplishment Reports at [http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r5/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=fsbdev3\\_048946](http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r5/passes-permits/recreation/?cid=fsbdev3_048946).

For more information about this recreation fee proposal, please contact Tamara Wilton at (707) 562-8965 or [twilton@fs.fed.us](mailto:twilton@fs.fed.us). Further information about this proposal can also be found on the forest's website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/lpnf>.

## **Los Padres National Forest Announces Road Closures on Ojai Ranger District**

By *Andrew Madsen*, Los Padres National Forest

On December 6, 2013 Los Padres National Forest officials announced three roads on the Ojai Ranger District will close for the season December 10.

The Nordhoff and Hines Peak Roads (Forest Road 5N08), the Reyes Peak Road (6N06.2), and the Cherry Creek Road (6N01.1) traditionally close Dec. 16 as stipulated by the Motor Vehicle Use Map. Due to anticipated rain and possible snow showers, these roads are closing a week early. These closures will restrict access to Nordhoff Ridge and Pine Mountain Ridge, as well as campgrounds and numerous trailheads.

Members of the public are reminded that they should always call ahead to the district office for the latest conditions and consult the National Weather Service for current weather forecasts.

For more information, call the Ojai District Office at (805) 646-4348.

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For the next **14 days** immediately following this posting, the Lebec County Water District will be accepting letters of intent in an attempt to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors. You must reside and be a registered voter within the Lebec County Water District to be eligible to serve as a Board of Director. The Board will make an appointment to fill the vacancy no sooner than 14 days from the posting of this notice and no later than 60 days from the date of vacancy.

Please turn in all letters of intent by **December 20, 2013** for the Board's review.

Physical Address: 2037 Lebec Road (Blue/Grey Building)

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Please feel free to call me at 248-6872 between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday, if you have any further questions.

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## Law Enforcement Corner



### Kern County Sheriff's Office

#### Safe Holiday Shopping

By *Ray Pruitt*, Kern County Sheriff's Office

The holiday shopping season is here, and along with the excitement and anticipation of spending time with family and friends comes an increase in crime, including an increase in thefts. Whether shopping in stores or online, citizens need to take extra precaution during the holidays to minimize their risk of becoming victimized. The Kern County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit would like to provide retail shoppers and merchants with tips on ways to safeguard themselves and their purchases during this holiday season.

##### Personal Safety While Shopping:

- Shop during daylight hours if possible, avoid late night shopping
- Carry your money and credit cards in a front pocket instead of wallet or purse
- If you are carrying a purse, keep it close to your body and never leave it unattended
- Be wary of strangers who engage you in conversation
- Use the buddy system, shop with a friend

- Ask a store employee or security officer to escort you to your car if you are alone
- Avoid carrying large sums of cash, use credit cards or checks when possible
- Teach your children to seek out a store employee or security officer if they become separated from you
- Make sure your children know your name, phone number, and address and teach them to never talk to a stranger or go anywhere with a stranger

##### Vehicle Safety

- Be extra cautious when walking or driving in parking lots
- Always hold on to children tightly when walking in a parking lot
- Always park in a well-lit area
- Walk directly to your vehicle and have your keys out before you reach the vehicle
- Do not leave packages or valuables in plain view
- Always double check to make sure your doors are locked
- After entering your car, lock the doors immediately, do not sit in your car, leave as quickly as possible

##### Package Delivery Options to Prevent Theft

- Use in-store pickup options when possible
- Request a signature required delivery
- Ask neighbors who are home during the day to pick up boxes from your home if you aren't home
- Consider getting a PO Box
- If you live in an apartment ask the manager if deliveries can be dropped off at the office
- If possible have packages delivered to your place of work
- Request tracking numbers from merchants so you can check the status of your package
- Talk to your neighbors about starting a Neighborhood Watch program, it's a great way to learn to work together to reduce crime in your neighborhood.

Please contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit at 661-391-7559 or by email at [crimeprevention@kernsheriff.com](mailto:crimeprevention@kernsheriff.com) with any questions or for more information about preventing crime during the holiday season.

## Nine Ways to Protect Your Home from Christmas Burglars

By Sergeant *Mark Brown*, Kern County Sheriff's Office

According to the US Department of Justice, American homes are burglarized about every 15 seconds, with the typical homeowner suffering a loss of nearly \$2,000.00. Here are nine relatively inexpensive ways to make your home less appealing to burglars.

1. Trim back overgrown vegetation so that your home's windows, porches and doors are visible to neighbor and passerbys. Don't give intruders a place to hide.
2. Use window treatments (shades, curtains, etc.) to keep tempting Christmas items out of view. "Window shopping" is one way criminals choose potential targets.
3. "Look what we got for Christmas!" is not the message to send to burglars. Don't leave packing boxes from your new electronics at the curb for all to see.
4. Installing motion-sensing lights in dark areas will help to startle and scare off intruders.
5. Use timers to turn on and off lights and radios to make it appear that people are at home.
6. Even if your neighborhood feels safe, make locking up a habit. Burglars often test a home by knocking on a door and, if no one answers, opening it. Keep every exterior door and window locked, including the door between the garage and house.
7. If possible, make sure all entry doors are solid core or 16 gauge steel and have non-removable hinge pins.
8. Install a quality, heavy-duty double cylinder deadbolt lock (the kind that needs a key to lock/unlock from both the inside and outside of the house) in addition to the normal locking doorknob on all external doors. This way, if someone breaks in through a window, they won't be able to get your big screen TV, refrigerator, etc. out through the door!
9. Many doors fail when they are kicked because the doorjamb splits near the lock's strike plate. Replace your flimsy strike plate with a high security box strike for around \$10.00.



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An electronic Newspaper is a self-contained, reusable, and refreshable version of a traditional newspaper that acquires and holds information electronically. (The electronic newspaper should not be confused with newspapers that offer an online version at a Web site.)

### What is the difference between a *Newsletter* and a *Newspaper*?

A newspaper publishes stories and information for and about a city/region/state/country and covers a variety of topics, events, and developments.

A Newsletter is published by a specific organization (school, club, business) and informs mainly about the organization's activities.

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### Our Library (bibliotekë)

#### Calendar

- Tuesday: 11:30 am **Family Storytime** with *Christine Kearns-Brown*
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- Thursday: 11:30 am **Personal Computer Coach**. Call to make an appointment: 661-245-1267
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**Monday – closed**

**Tuesday 11am – 7pm**

**Wednesday 11am – 7pm**

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**Friday 9am – 5pm**

**Saturday 9am – 5pm**

**Sunday – closed**

## Incidents & Accidents

### Art - Music - Theater

#### Twelve Angry Jurors – Performance at the Frazier Mountain High School

On Friday (Dec 13) a local Youth Theatre Group performed the “Twelve Angry Jurors” at the Frazier

Mountain High School. More than 100 people in the audience saw impressive performances by some very talented teens, under the guidance of dedicated director NAME, with amazing costumes and a remarkable set. The play was written by Reginald Rose originally named 12 Angry Men. It became famous through the 1957 film with Henry Fonda's performance as the dissenting 8<sup>th</sup> juror in a murder trial.

The play takes place in a New York City courthouse in the 1950s. The 12 member jury has to come to a verdict about an 18-year-old boy accused of stabbing his father to death. It is immediately apparent that the jurors have already decided that the boy is guilty, and that they plan to return their verdict without taking time for discussion—with the sole exception of Juror #8 who is the only "not guilty" vote in a preliminary tally.

The role of juror #8 was played fabulously by *Brianna Edwards*. Against all odds and resistance she manages to convince other jurors about significant inconsistencies in the case.

Her counterpart, juror #3, the antagonist, a businessman and distraught father, opinionated, disrespectful, and stubborn with a temper is played by *Miles Vivirito* (8th grade at El Tejon School).

Juror #1, the Foreman was played by *Jazlynn Forrester*. Among the audience members was Frazier Park School Teacher *Monika Darling*. She mentioned proudly that eight of the twelve actors were at one time or another in her class at Frazier Park elementary school.

The group started about a month ago with the first few pages to help them understand how to work in an ensemble.

According to Director *Peter Kjenaas*: "They liked it so much when I asked them if they would be interested in doing it as a live staged reading, they jumped on it."

It is noteworthy that many of these teens had no acting experience at all, but the entire ensemble delivered a coherent and rather impressive performance.

Considering the young age of the actors, ranging from 11 to 16 years, their performances in this high tension-high emotions drama play was amazing.

The single light (donated and hung from the rafters by *Matthew Vivirito*, father of two of the performers) with its shades, the long table, and the costumes reflected indeed the darkness of the 1950s and set a perfect mood for the play.

The only thing that was missing was a good sound system. The performers would have certainly deserved the best possible acoustics.



*Brianna Edwards* (9<sup>th</sup> grade FMHS) was perfectly cast as Juror # 8 the role many people remember as *Henry Fonda*



Convincing performance by (from left to right) *Brianna Edwards*, *Breann Helsky*, *Miles Vivirito*, *Rhiannen White*



*Miles Vivirito* as Juror #3 arguing with *Brianna Edwards* as Juror #8



The entire cast with back row l-r: *Sadona Vivirito*, *Miles Vivirito*, *Brianna Edwards*, *Rhiannen White*, *Jazlynne Forrester*, Director *Peter Kjenaas* -- front row l-r: *Mikaela Kjenaas*, *Kelly Stegman*, *Phenix Arce*, *Donny Bowen*, *Breann Helsky*, *Maria Calderon*, *Dallas Wallace*



*Sadona Vivirito* (standing) with *Miles Vivirito* (left), *Maria Calderon* (middle), *Donny Bowen* (right)

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Any violation by the employer could be fined up to \$10,000.

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Until January 1, 2017, the Domestic Worker Bill of rights will regulate the hours of certain domestic work employees and provide an overtime compensation rate of 1.5 times the regular rate of pay to those employees who work more than 9 hours in a work day or 45 hours in any work week. The bill defines "domestic work employee" and its specific exclusions.

#### AB 442 - Liquidated Damages Liability for Unpaid Wages

Employers that fail to pay minimum wages become subjects to not only to criminal and civil penalties, and the payment of restitution to employees, but ABB 442 adds liquidated damages.

#### AB 465 - Criminal Background Checks for Youth Sports

Employers or Human Resource Agencies of Community youth athletic programs may now request state and federal level criminal history information from the Department of Justice when selecting a volunteer coach or hired coach.

In order to comply with the new laws, employers are required to update their minimum wage posters and to ensure that the changes have been made by their payroll department and/or vendor.

Existing contracts with employees and independent contractors should be reviewed before the end of the year, as should the Employee Handbook.

## **Kern County**

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### **Liberal policies come at the expense of our children**

By Assemblywoman *Shannon Grove*, California State Legislature

When the Democrats won control of a two-thirds “super-majority” of the state legislature last year, political commentators immediately began predicting just how far and fast they would push for their desired liberal policies. One major consequence of these liberal values in action that must not be overlooked is the adverse societal impact upon our children.

Among their many legislative “accomplishments” this past year, the majority party passed a bill to allow children as young as kindergarten to choose the gender in which they “identify.” That means that if a 14-year-old boy says he is really a girl, then no parent or school official can stop him from using the girls’ bathroom and playing on the girls’ basketball team. As the bill was debated, parents of all backgrounds that vocalized their disapproval of this gross breach of privacy and propriety were deemed bigoted and dismissed by the liberal majority.

Also passed this year by the majority party were two bills radically expanding abortion in California—one allowing non-doctors, such as midwives and physician assistants, to perform the surgery and another lowering the required building standards for abortion facilities. Thanks to our liberal legislature, a 14-year-old girl can now leave school without the knowledge of her parents to get an abortion by a non-doctor in a substandard facility. Is this what we’re to call “progress?”

Meanwhile, the legislature still has not passed a law addressing the horrific sexual abuse case at a Los Angeles County elementary school from early 2012. It is no secret that the California Teachers Association, with the deepest pockets of all special interest groups in Sacramento, has stopped the legislature from implementing the most modest of reforms to streamline the teacher dismissal process of even the very worst teachers. Children are put in danger and their ability to learn is compromised by a system that only benefits the entrenched bureaucracy.

On top of all of this, we are only beginning to see the effects of “realignment,” the 2011 policy which shifted the responsibility of many convicted criminals from the state to the counties. Many counties, without the space and resources to handle this influx of inmates, have been forced to release dangerous offenders back onto our streets. Our children have been placed in danger all over the state due to our government leader’s inability to responsibly budget and properly handle our prison system.

Using the young and vulnerable to justify public policy decisions is nothing new. “It’s for the children!” we so often hear. It is not without irony then that far-left politicians are having such a deeply negative influence upon our next generation. California has become an experiment of unchecked liberalism, and our children truly are suffering the most.

###

*Shannon Grove* represents the 34th Assembly District, encompassing the majority of Kern County including Bakersfield, Ridgecrest, Tehachapi, Taft and Frazier Park/Lebec. She was first elected to the California State Assembly in November 2010 and was re-elected in November 2012 by one of the largest margins of any California legislator.

Shannon was born in Bakersfield and raised in Arvin, California, where she graduated from Arvin High School. Shortly after high school, *Shannon* joined the United States Army serving with the Headquarters Company 5th Corps in Frankfurt, Germany. In 1993, she and her sister-in-law formed Continental Labor and Staffing Resources and today *Shannon* presides as Chief Executive Officer. Her company currently operates five offices in California (Bakersfield, Ridgecrest, Paso Robles, Fresno and Visalia).

*Shannon* is a member of the Brimhall Road Assembly of God. She resides in Bakersfield with her husband Rick, Operations Manager for KS Fabrication and Machine in Bakersfield. They are the parents of 5 grown children.

## Business Directory

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- Sweet Galley, 3604 Arroyo Trail, Frazier Park

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### Pet Food & Supplies

- Petco Animal Supplies, 26501 Bouquet Canyon Road, Saugus Tel 661-297-6936

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- Blue Rose Pet Salon, 3429 Los Padres Drive, Frazier Park, for appointments call 661-245-3635

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### T-Shirts

- Your T-shirt Man, Jerold Parker, Mt Pinos Way, Frazier Park, Tel 661-245-2350

### Travel Agent

- Teri Pierce, Protravel Inc., Lake of the Woods, Tel 661-245-4798

### Toys & Games Store

- Computer & Games, 633 San Gabriel Trail, Frazier Park, Tel 661-242-1214
- Toys R Us / Babies R Us, 3972 Ming Avenue, Bakersfield, Tel 661-832-8943

### Veterinarian

- Valencia Veterinary Center, open 24/7, 23928 Summerhill Lane, Santa Clarita, CA 91354 Tel 661-263-4770

# **AVOID FROZEN PIPES!**

*A public announcement from Frazier Park Public Utility District*

To avoid possible frozen water lines during very cold weather periods, it is advisable to take some very simple precautionary measures. If temperatures are forecast below 32 degrees:

## **Leave a Faucet Running!**

This faucet should be left running in a stream slightly smaller than the diameter of a pencil. This may result in a few dollars per month extra for using this water, but it is only during the cold periods and is a small price compared to the inconvenience of being without water or a costly plumbing repair due to frozen pipes that have burst. Be sure that the running water will drain properly, and not cause any damage in your home.

**Choosing to use electrical heat tape** for any outdoor exposed pipes is very helpful, and should be wrapped with insulation to avoid wasting power. Follow the manufacturer's instructions! Using insulation alone may not always be enough!

## **Run a faucet!**



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